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KENTUCKY DERBY WEEK STAKES RACES TAKING SHAPE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020) – Seventeen stakes races cumulatively worth purses of \$9.78 million are on tap for Kentucky Derby Week at Churchill Downs, which runs Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Saturday, Sept. 5. The spectacular week of racing, headlined by the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Sept. 5 and \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) on Sept. 4, will feature 14 graded stakes events. Here's a look at some of the known early probable entrants, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

\$115,000 Champion's Day Marathon Overnight Stakes presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (Entries taken Friday, race Tuesday, Sept. 1) – Probable: **Eskenforit** (trainer Steve Margolis).

\$150,000 Unbridled Sidney (Entries taken Saturday, race Wednesday, Sept. 2) – **Bye Bye J** (Steve Asmussen); **Change of Control** (Michelle Lovell); **Dixieincandyland** (Eddie Kenneally); **Stonewood** (Carlo Vaccarezza); **Tomlin** (Mike Stidham); and **Violent Times** (Ralph Nicks).

\$200,000 Pocahontas (GII) (Entries taken Sunday, race Thursday, Sept. 1) – **Alexandria** (Tim Hamm); **Crazy Beautiful** (Kenny McPeck); **Dream Quist** (McPeck); **Girl Daddy** (Dale Romans); **Trip to Seoul** (James Chapman); and **Xtrema** (Keith Desormeaux).

\$115,000 Opening Verse Overnight Stakes (Entries taken Sunday, race Thursday, Sept. 1) – **Crafty Daddy** (Kenny McPeck); **Cullum Road** (Ignacio Correas IV); **Hembree** (Mike Maker); and **Mr. Misunderstood** (Brad Cox). Possible: **Set Piece** (Brad Cox).

\$300,000 Eight Belles presented by TwinSpires.com (GII) (Entries taken Monday, Race Friday, Sept. 4) – **Four Graces** (Ian Wilkes); **Mundaye Call** (Brad Cox); and **Sconsin** (Greg Foley). Possible: **Ocean Breeze** (Wayne Catalano).

\$300,000 Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank (GII) (Entries taken Monday, Race Friday, Sept. 4) – **Beguiled** (Phil D'Amato); **Lucky Betty** (Will VanMeter); **Outburst** (Eddie Kenneally); and **Sharing** (Graham Motion).

\$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (GII) (Entries taken Monday, Race Friday, Sept. 4) – **Archidust** (Steve Asmussen); **Carotari** (Bryan Lynch); **Chaps** (Eddie Kenneally); **Chief Cicatriz** (Shawn Davis); **Diamond Oops** (Patrick Biancone); **Extravagant Kid** (Brendan Walsh); **Tell Your Daddy** (Neil Pessin); **Tiger Blood** (Mike Maker); and **Well Labeled** (Larry Rivelli).

\$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII) (Entries taken Monday, Race Friday, Sept. 4) – **By My Standards** (Bret Calhoun); **Hence** (Jack Sisterson); **Owendale** (Brad Cox); and **Silver Dust** (Bret Calhoun).

\$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Bowies Hero** (Phil D'Amato); **Digital Age** (Chad Brown); **Factor This** (Brad Cox); **Mr Dumas** (Mike Maker); **Parkland** (Carlo Vaccarezza); **Sacred Life** (Chad Brown); **Somelikeithotbrown** (Maker); and **Spectacular Gem** (Jimmy Baker).

\$500,000 La Troienne presented by Oak Grove Racing & Gaming (GI) (Entries taken Monday, Race Friday, Sept. 4) – **Lady Kate** (Eddie Kenneally); **Monomoy Girl** (Brad Cox); **Saracosa** (Cipriano Contreras); and **She's a Julie** (Steve Asmussen). Possible: **Vexatious** (Jack Sisterson).

\$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Derby City Gaming (GI) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Bell's the One** (Neil Pessin); **Mia Mischief** (Steve Asmussen); **Sally's Curlin** (Dale Romans); **Serengeti Empress** (Tom Amoss); and **Wildwood's Beauty** (Scott Becker).

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\$500,000 Longines Distaff Turf Mile (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Beau Recall** (Brad Cox); **Belle Laura** (Juan Avila); **Daddy is a Legend** (Rusty Arnold); **Juliet Foxtrot** (Brad Cox); and **Newspaperofrecord** (Chad Brown). Possible: **She'sonthewarpath** (Steve Margolis).

\$500,000 American Turf presented by Smithfield (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Fancy Liquor** (Mike Maker); **Field Pass** (Maker); **King Theo** (Carlo Vaccarezza); **Mr. Big News** (Bret Calhoun); **Sugoi** (Mike Tomlinson); and **Vanzzy** (Mike Pino). Possible: **South Bend** (Bill Mott).

\$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Cezanne** (Bob Baffert); **Echo Town** (Steve Asmussen); **Liam's Pride** (Doug O'Neill); **Shashashakemeup** (Keith Desormeaux); and **Sonneman** (Steve Asmussen). Possible: **Attachment Rate** (Dale Romans); **Rushie** (Michael McCarthy); **South Bend** (Bill Mott); and **Taishan** (Richard Baltas).

\$200,000 Iroquois presented by Ford (GIII) (Entries taken Tuesday, Sept. 1, Race Saturday, Sept. 5) – **Belafonte** (Tom Humphries); **Drop Anchor** (Kenny McPeck); **Pico D'Oro** (Bill Morey); **Sittin On Go** (Dale Romans); **Super Stock** (Steve Asmussen); **Therideofalifetime** (Ignacio Correias IV); and **Ultimate Badger** (Romans).

LOCAL DERBY, OAKS CONTENDERS CONTINUE TRAINING FOR FIRST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER – It was a quiet Tuesday morning of training beneath the historic Twin Spires with several Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders continuing their training for Labor Day weekend's races including **Victoria's Ranch's King Guillermo**, who galloped 1 ½ miles at 7:30 a.m. (all times Eastern) under the watchful eye of his trainer **Juan Avila**.

The speedy King Guillermo has turned heads in his morning training led by his flashy :58.20 five-furlong move last Saturday. He is scheduled to work once prior to the Sept. 5 race.

"I think he's really enjoying being in Kentucky," said the Venezuelan-native Avila, who emigrated to the U.S. in 2018. "We're very happy with how he's taken to the track and his workouts the last two weeks."

King Guillermo's owner, five-time Major League Baseball player **Victor Martinez**, is scheduled to arrive in Louisville later this week.

Prior to the Kentucky Derby and Oaks training window, **Lloyd Madison Farm's Major Fed** galloped 1 ½ miles at 5:15 a.m. under exercise rider **Margarito Fierro**. Trained by **Greg Foley**, the \$300,000 Indiana Derby (GIII) runner-up is scheduled to have his final breeze on Friday. Approximately 45 minutes following Major Fed's gallop, **West Point Thoroughbreds** and **Pearl Racing's** \$600,000 Arkansas Derby (GI) third-place finisher **Winning Impression** had a light 1 ½-mile gallop with trainer **Dallas Stewart's** exercise rider **Emerson Chavez** in the saddle.

Raymond Daniels and **Wayne Scherr's** graded stakes placed **Necker Island** had his normal 1 ½-mile gallop at 7:30 a.m. under **Hillary Hartman**. Trainer **Chris Hartman** reported Necker Island is scheduled to have one work prior to the Derby with jockey **Miguel Mena** in the saddle.

On the Longines Kentucky Oaks front, **Mark and Nancy Stanley's** graded stakes placed **Tempers Rising** galloped 1 ½ miles at 6:30 a.m. under Chavez. Also making an appearance Monday morning at Churchill Downs was **Flurry Racing Stables, Qatar Racing Limited** and **Big Aut Farms' \$200,000 Indiana Oaks (GIII) winner Shedaresthedevil**, who galloped 1 ½ miles with exercise rider **Edvin Vargas** up for trainer **Brad Cox**. Her stablemate, **Juddmonte Farms' \$600,000 Alabama Stakes (GI) runner-up Bonny South**, galloped 1 ½ miles under exercise rider **Gustavo Abrego**.

"Both of these fillies continue to train really well and even though Bonny South just ran, she looks great on the track," Cox said. "I think Shedaresthedevil has really come into her own and continues to mature with age."

ARRIVAL INFORMATION – Several Kentucky Derby contenders have yet to converge on Churchill Downs but are scheduled to arrive in the upcoming week. The following is the latest arrival information, according to senior director of the stable area **Steve Hargrave**:

- Tuesday via flight from San Diego (approximately 12:30 p.m. ET at Barn 40): **Rushie** (Michael McCarthy)
- Wednesday or Thursday via van from Skylight Training Center to Churchill Downs: **Art Collector** (trainer Tommy Drury)
- Sunday via flight from New York: **Caracaro** (Gustavo Delgado) and **Ny Traffic** (Saffie Joseph)
- Sunday via van from Florida: **Sole Volante** (Patrick Biancone)
- Aug. 31 via flight from San Diego to Louisville: **Authentic** (Bob Baffert), **Honor A. P.** (John Shirreffs), **Storm the Court** (Peter Euron); and **Thousand Words** (Baffert)
- Aug. 31 via flight from New York: **Dr Post** (Todd Pletcher) and **Tiz the Law** (Barclay Tagg)
- Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 via van from Canada: **Shird's Speight** (Roger Attfield)

KENTUCKY DERBY FIELD RUNDOWN: The possible field, in order of preference, for the 146th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) (with jockey): **Tiz the Law** (Manny Franco); **Authentic** (John Velazquez); **Art Collector** (Brian Hernandez Jr.); **Honor A.P.** (Mike Smith); **Ny Traffic** (Paco Lopez); **King Guillermo** (Samy Camacho); **Thousand Words** (Florent Geroux); **Dr Post** (Tyler Gaffalione); **Max Player** (Ricardo Santana Jr.); **Caracaro** (Javier Castellano); **Enforceable** (Adam Beschizza); **Rushie** (TBA); **Major Fed** (James Graham); **Storm the Court** (Julien Leparoux); **Attachment Rate** (Joe Talamo); **Sole Volante** (Luca Panici); **Finnick the Fierce** (Martin Garcia); **Winning Impression** (Joe Rocco Jr.); **Necker Island** (Miguel Mena); and **Shirl's Speight** (Corey Lanerie).

KENTUCKY OAKS FIELD RUNDOWN: The possible field, in order of preference, for the 146th running of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) (with jockey): **Swiss Skydiver** (Tyler Gaffalione); **Speech** (Javier Castellano); **Bonny South** (TBA); **Shedaresthedevil** (Florent Geroux); **Project Whiskey** (Paco Lopez); **Donna Veloce** (TBA); **Gamine** (John Velazquez); **Hopeful Growth** (Manny Franco); **Tempers Rising** (Julien Leparoux); **Dream Marie** (TBA); and **Bayerness** (TBA)

KENTUCKY DERBY, OAKS WORKOUTS TO BE STREAMED LIVE – Churchill Downs Racetrack will provide live online streaming of Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks contenders' workouts when the exclusive 7:30-7:45 a.m. (all times Eastern) training window.

The live stream presented by TwinSpires.com will be available at multiple sources including on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyderby; on Twitter via @KentuckyDerby and www.twitter.com/kentuckyderby; on YouTube at www.youtube.com/kentuckyderby; and www.kentuckyderby.com/workouts

The live video will include graphics to identify each horse and commentary from an array of industry experts including: Churchill Downs Host and Racing Analyst **Joe Kristufek** along with TwinSpires.com Racing Experts **Scott Shapiro, Ed DeRosa, Brandon Stauble** and **Chantal Sutherland**.

A special 15-minute session from 7:30-7:45 a.m. is exclusive to Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks participants and any workmates. The specially-made Derby and Oaks saddle towels must be worn to gain access to the racetrack during that window.

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